

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on May 28, 2008 has been entered. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-12, 14, and 16-18 are pending. Claims 2, 8, 13, and 15 are cancelled by the applicant.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) filed on May 28, 2008 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Response to Argument

3. Applicant's remarks/arguments, with prior art rejections, filed March 21, 2008 have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-12, 14, and 16-18 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: please refer to applicant's remark filed on March 21, 2008.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanhnga (Tanya) Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-3858.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on 571-272-3859. The central fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2135

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